

Curriculum Committee Meeting

November 2, 2021

Present: Dwight Heaster, Ken Lang, Connie Stout O'Dell, Jason Barr, Rico Gazal, Jonathan Minton, Kevin Evans, Schuyler Chapman, Cheryl McKinney, Sara Sawyer, Rachel Adams

Absent: Gary Morris, Kaitlin Ensor, Will Vann, Nic McVaney

Guests: Jeff Hunter, Gerda Kumpiene, Mari Clements, Adam Black, Ann Reed

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Evans motioned to approve the October 19th minutes, Dr. Chapman seconded. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – Action

- Dr. Heaster motioned to approve the Master of Arts in Teaching program, Dr. Sawyer seconded. Motion passed.

Environmental Science Minor – Action

- The minor was revised to create 12 unique credits
- Dr. Sawyer: two of the courses removed were ones that were appealing to Biology majors. GIS also has a hidden pre-requisite. Dr. Evans asked if there could be two Environmental (ENVR) Minors, one for Land Resources students and one for other students.
- Degree Works issues: electives are listed in general electives for the Natural Resource Management (NRMT) program. Those students can't share ENVR 193, ENVR 255, or electives. Mrs. Adams updated Degree Works so that it won't count these classes twice for students who need them for their major.
- Mrs. Adams suggested adding the electives (ENVR 352, ENVR 393 & NRMT 234) back into the minor. Land Resources students would have to take additional electives that didn't specifically count toward their major. Mrs. Adams will also add a disclaimer that "courses cannot fulfill requirements in other majors, minors or certificate programs."
- Dr. Gazal agreed to adding the elective courses back to the minor, and to add the disclaimer in the catalog.
- Dr. Chapman motioned to approve the minor with the recommended changes, Dr. Sawyer seconded. Minor was approved.

New Business

Land Resources Discussion

- Mr. Black: the Certificate in Right-of-Way (ROW) was originally an agreement with GSC and the WV DOH before the pandemic. DOH hand-picked the courses. There was a change in leadership at DOH, and we have not had any DOH employees register for courses. Mr. Black consulted an

owner of a ROW company for input of what courses should be required in the certificate. The certificate was modified from 26 credits to 12.

- Dr. Sawyer asked if there was a pre-requisite for LAMN 293. Mr. Black said that there is, but the catalog also states “or consent of Department Chairperson”.
- Dr. Sawyer also asked about non-Land Resources students taking the certificate, would they understand the content and be knowledgeable of ROW practices upon completion. Yes, the classes still cover all areas of ROW, per Mr. Black.

Pre-Nursing Discussion

- Dr. Evans: GSC has no say in course design since it is Marshall’s program. We cannot add a Math pre-requisite for CHEM 205, so Dr. Evans listed in the Catalog Description that if students have a 19 or less ACT score, or 510 or below SAT score that they are recommended to take MATH 106 or 108.
- The current Forensic Chemistry course would also have to be removed from curriculum
- Dr. Evans also had to create a separate lab (CHEM 206) class for CHEM 205 since Marshall didn’t have a lab
- HLTH 331 will be discontinued later
- Dr. Chapman asked if we have a nursing curriculum. No, GSC will not initially have a nursing curriculum since this is Marshall’s program, per Dr. Evans.
- There will be 10 students from GSC, 10 from Pierpont and 80 from Marshall, totaling 100 students in Marshall’s nursing program, if all 100 students have sufficient grades. GSC will still generate money from housing, etc. from these students. Marshall is purchasing lab supplies to house on our campus. The projection is that GSC will make around \$2M in the next 10 years from this partnership.
- Mrs. McKinney asked if these courses could fulfill general education requirements. Yes, per Dr. Evans.
- Mrs. McKinney also mentioned that CHEM 206 is a 1 credit hour course, but in the catalog description it says 3 hour course. Dr. Evans will specify that the 3 hours are 3 contact hours.
- Dr. Gazal asked if courses could be cross-listed with Biology. If BIOL 361 Microbiology is replaced, this will affect the Land Resources program. Dr. Evans and Dr. Sawyer will look into possibly cross-listing with SCNC, instead of BIOL.

Language & Literature Discussion

- The Department wants to remove the ENGL 293 pre-requisite from ENGL 307, 308, 331, 332, 333, 390 and 420. Doing this will open the courses up to all majors as general education courses.
- ENGL 350 Appalachian Literature was updated to align with the Appalachian Studies major. Course goals have been changed.
- The Department also wants to add JOUR 205, 322 and 415 to list of electives for English majors. Dr. Hunter asked if the classes could also be added to the English Education major as well. Dr. Sawyer stated that while it is a small change, this is a curriculum change instead of an informational item. Dr. Minton will submit a cover sheet and items to Dr. Lang for the next meeting.

- The Department is also updating their rotations, and provided an excel sheet as an informational item
- Dr. Chapman would like to change the credit hours of HONR 400 from 3 credits to variable 1-3 credits so that students can take the course over two semesters. HONR 401 was set up this way, but it was missed when HONR 400 replaced 401. Students would not have to change catalogs.
- Dr. Heaster asked if the students would be completing the same project if they take the course more than one semester. Yes, per Dr. Chapman. Dr. Heaster's concern was that faculty advisors may have to advise multiple students for more than one semester. Research double-dipping is discussed in HONR 300 and listed on the syllabi, but Dr. Chapman will also add this to Other Relevant Information on the course outline for HONR 400

Dr. Lang asked that the Committee continue discussions through email if there are further discussions on these topics.

Dr. Lang adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

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